

Draft Minutes for BCBC Board of Directors Meeting on Jan. 18, 8:30 -10.

**Attendance:** Jason Smith (Chair), Jack Bates, Charanjit Chahal, Bryce Guliker, Ripan Malhi, Harjot Toor, Eva Wang, Anju Gill (Staff), Clara Moran (Staff), Karen Carter (Staff)

**Regrets:** Surjit Gosal, Humraj Kallu, Gurprit Brar, Raj Grewal, Dalbir Benipal, Carolyn Teasdale

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1. Call to order – J. Smith
2. Approval of the Agenda – Add to the agenda Flood Impact Report #8. Motion: **To “approve the agenda with the addition of the amendment”.** Carried.
3. Approval of the November 9, November 23 and Dec. 16 meeting minutes **Motion: To “approve the minutes of November 9, November 23 and December 16 as circulated”.** Carried.
4. Business arising from the Minutes – none
5. Reports:
  - 5.1. Chair – J. Smith received a letter from a grower member requesting board & committee minutes, staff payroll figure, market development and program expenditure. All information was provided since it is readily available to all the members.
  - 5.2. ED – A. Gill – provided a written report as circulated.
  - 5.3. Promotions Committee – no report
  - 5.4. Research Committee – no report
  - 5.5. IR Committee – R. Malhi discussed the recruitment for the processor-packer & grower relations group, more discussion under item #7
6. Financial report – financial statement provided and there were no notable concerns. K. Carter reported on the levy amounts to date. Approximately 136,629,400 lbs. We are expecting more levies amounting over 20 million. Legal letters have been sent out to those outstanding from previous years.
7. The grower & processor-packer relations and pollination subgroup (following the Almond/Canola model as per BC Apiculturist’s recommendations) are underway. Both require more participation. A call has gone out to members and processor-packers, but need directors help to recruit more participants. B. Guliker, E. Wang, R. Malhi will be taking an active on these groups.

**Action:** C. Sakalaukas to send the communication that has gone out for recruitment, so the directors can assist in sharing and recruiting members for these groups.
8. Flood update -

- 8.1. disclosure: to ensure that there is no conflict of interest, J. Smith conveyed that he may have further involvement with the flood impacted growers as a consultant, outside of Council's work, as part of his consulting business. The directors deliberated and stated that they do not see any issue with J. Smith's involvement as there appears to be no direct gain (financial or otherwise) related to his work as a director or Chair, as long as J. Smith clearly defines his title/role (e.g., Consultant rather than BCBC BOD Chair) at the time of the representation and/or any transaction.
- 8.2. Funding update- no changes or announcement yet. BCBC has submitted the flood impact assessment (extensive report on damages and costs per acre) for AgriRecovery. BCBC is also playing an active advocacy role along with the impacted growers. There should be AgriRecovery announcement soon.
- 8.3. Flood impact report – T. Bauman was retained for the aforementioned impact assessment. Via email, board had provided approval for up to \$5K for this report. For the purpose of recording an official approval was requested. Motion: To “approve the budget of \$5,000 for T. Bauman’s work on the flood damage/ assessment”. Carried.

9. In-camera

10. Next board meeting – proposed date February 15

11. Adjournment – 10am